



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Lebel *et al.*

Serial. No.: 09/901,737

Filed: July 9, 2001

For: TRANSGENIC PLANTS
EXPRESSING CELLULOLYTIC
ENZYMES

Art Unit: 1621

Examiner: A. Kubilik

Atty Docket: S-21043B

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

P.O. Box 2327

Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.56, Applicants wish to call the Examiner's attention to the references cited on the attached Form PTO-1449. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), copies of all references cited on the attached Form PTO 1449 are not provided because they were previously cited by or submitted to the Patent Office in parent application no. 09/254,780.

A copy of reference AW is attached.

The submission of these references is made solely for the purpose of complying with Applicant's duty of disclosure, and is not intended as a surrender of patentable subject matter nor is it intended to create prosecution history estoppel.

Identification of the listed references is not to be construed an admission of Applicants or Attorneys for Applicants that such references are available as "prior art" against the subject application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the foregoing references and that the references be made of record in the file history of the application.

The Examiner is requested to consider the foregoing information in relation to this application and to indicate that each reference was considered by returning a copy of the initialed PTO 1449 forms.

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(b)(3), no fee is believed to be required for consideration of this statement because it is being submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. If a fee is deemed to be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1744 of Syngenta Biotechnology Inc.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Kakefuda
Attorney for Applicants
Registration No. 39,245

Syngenta Biotechnology, Inc.
P. O. Box 12257
Research Triangle Park, NC 27709-2257
Telephone: 919-765-5071

Date: March 20, 2002